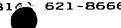
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Supplemental to the amendment filed on January 22, 2002, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 6, 10 and 13 as follows:

The photomask blank according to Claim 4, wherein the (Thrice Amended) 6. carbon content is 0 to 25 atomic% and the oxygen content is 0 to 70 atomic%.

The photomask blank according to Claim 9, wherein the (Thrice Amended) 10. thin film has an oxygen content that continuously decreases and a carbon content that continuously increases from the thin film surface side to the transparent substrate side, nitrogen is contained in the nitride film in a clatively greater amount than the amount of nitrogen contained in the thin film, and the amount of the metal decreases as the amount of nitrogen in the nitride film increas sl



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